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SUBJECT: AP AND UPI CORRESPONDENTS TO PEKING

REFS: A) RIO DE JANEIRO 1739 (SECTO 108) (NOTAL)

B) PEKING 108 (RPTD TO RIO)

C) STATE 96591 (TOSEC 186)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY.

1. EXPLANATION PROVIDED REFTEL B FOR AP AND UPI FAILURE
TO RECEIVE PRC VISAS HELPS CLEAR THE AIR. NONETHELESS,
NEITHER NEWS AGENCY IS GOING TO BE SATISFIED WITH THAT
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EXPLANATION, PARTICULARLY SINCE AP HAS BEEN TOLD BY PRC UN MISSION THAT AMERICAN SIDE REQUESTED THAT VISAS NOT/ NOT BE ISSUED. WE KNOW OF NO BASIS FOR THIS CHINESE ASSERTION.

2. MY RECOMMENDATION AT THIS POINT IS TO START OVER AND TRY TO GET AP AND UPI INTO CHINA ON THE BASIS OF NEW APPLICATIONS. (THE STORY THEY WANTED TO COVER, THE OPENING OF USLO PEKING, HAS OBVIOUSLY LONG SINCE PASSED). SPECIFICALLY, I WOULD PROPOSE THAT WE ASK THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WHICH IS GOING TO CHINA IN LATE JUNE IF THEY WOULD ACCEPT COVERAGE BY AP AND UPI. (WHETHER THE WIRE SERVICE PEOPLE WOULD BE PART OF THE DELEGATION OR TECHNICALLY SEPARATE WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT).

3. THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION VISIT IS STILL NOT/ NOT PUBLIC. THEREFORE, WE WOULD SIMPLY TELL AP AND UPI THAT, WHILE WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF THE EVENTS IN MID- MAY, ANOTHER APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY WILL VERY LIKELY BE COMING UP SHORTLY. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT ONCE THAT EVENT IS CONFIRMED AND IS MADE PUBLIC, THEY RESUBMIT VISA APPLICATIONS TO PEKING. WE WOULD COMMIT OURSELVES TO ENDORSING THEIR APPLICATION (WHICH, AS THEY CLEARLY UNDERSTAND, WE CAREFULLY REFRAINED FROM DOING IN THE CASE OF THE MID- MAY APPLICATIONS).

4. IF YOU APPROVE, WE WILL PROCEED AS OUTLINED ABOVE. RUSH

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